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1. This International Searching Authority

- (i) considers that there are 2 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

- (ii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:

see annex

- (iii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid

2. The applicant is hereby **invited**, within the time limit indicated above, to pay the amount indicated below:

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The applicant is informed that, according to Rule 40.2(c), the payment of any additional fee may be made under protest, i.e., a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fee is excessive.

3. ☐ Claim(s) Nos. _____ have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-8

Method for forming tabs on a circular knitting machine

1.1. claim: 13

Completion border

2. claims: 9-12

Method for forming pockets on a circular knitting machine

Please note that all inventions mentioned under item 1, although not necessarily linked by a common inventive concept, could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee.

1. References

Reference is made to the following documents cited in the international search report:

D1: GB-A-1 078 462

D2: US-A-4 010 627

D3: GB-A-1 328 693

2. Unity

2.1 The claims in the application refer to 2 allegedly inventive concepts:

A) Method for forming tabs on a circular knitting machine
(claims 1 to 8)

B) Method for forming pockets on a circular knitting
machine (claims 1, 9-12)

2.2 The technical features linking groups A) and B) are the features of claim 1.

2.3 As the uniting technical features of 2.2 does not contribute over the prior art in the form of D1, D2 or D3 (see paragraphs 3), the application lacks unity according to Rule 13.1 PCT in combination with Rule 13.2 PCT a posteriori. The two alleged inventions try to solve different problems, namely to reduce cutting and sewing effort for forming tabs for a crotch or shoulder straps and to form a three dimensional object in the shape of a pocket.

3. Independent Claim 1

3.1 Based on the documents mentioned in the search report, the subject-matter of claim 1 does not appear to be new according to Article 33(1) and (2) PCT.

3.2 Document D1 appears to disclose all the features of claim 1 (the references between inclined lines applying to this document), namely a method for manufacturing knitted articles without lateral seams

with a circular knitting machine /p. 1, li. 25-32/ comprising at least the step of forming tabs by reciprocating movement of the circular knitting machine with only the needles active which knit the tab /claim 1 or p. 4, li. 95 - p.5, li. 12, Figs. 15-17 or p. 4, li. 16-29, Fig. 11/.

3.3 Moreover, D2, Fig. 1 in combination with col. 4, li. 30-40 and D3, p. 4, li. 41-75, Fig. 10 equally individually appear to disclose all the features of claim 1.

**Annex to Form PCT/ISA/206
COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE RESULTS
OF THE PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH**

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1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
- see 'Invitation to pay additional fees'
2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.
3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.
4. If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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